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There are over 700 docket entries in this case. The court believes that many of the matters before it could have been resolved between the parties.

Prior to filing any regularly noticed motion, lead trial counsel shall meet and confer in person. The meet and confer shall take place at the office of counsel for the nonmoving party. Counsel shall seek to reach agreement to the greatest extent possible, on each and every dispute that is the subject of the contemplated motion. "Dispute" means any contested matter, major or minor.

Prior to filing any ex parte application or request, lead trial counsel shall meet and confer as indicated above, but may do so telephonically.

The moving party shall attach to any motion, application, or request a Notice of Compliance with this Meet and Confer Order, setting forth the date, time, and location of the meeting, and the names of all those participating.

Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions.

Additionally, the court may order that future conferences take place in the presence of a court reporter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 18, 2012

DEAN D. PREGERSON United States District Judge

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